

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9, 11-15, 17-21, 24, 26-30, 32 and 34 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 17, 21 and 32 have been amended, and claims 13, 14, 28 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice by the present Amendment. Amended claims 1, 6, 17, 21 and 32 do not introduce any new subject matter.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-6, 9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-21, 24, 26-27, 29-30, 32 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2005/0123147 ("Everett") in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0151327 ("Marlow").

Reconsideration is also respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 13 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Everett in view of Marlow and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0234081 ("Brice").

Applicant respectfully submits that Everett, when taken alone or in combination with Marlow and/or Brice, fails to teach or suggest the features of claims 1, 17 and 32, especially a multiplexer (or multiplexing means) for multiplexing the audio signals and the visual signals, and a modulator (or modulating means) for modulating the multiplexed visual signals and audio signals onto a predetermined frequency for wireless transmission at the predetermined frequency.

For example, Applicant's disclosure states that both audio and visual signals may be multiplexed by multiplexer 629 and the multiplexed audio and visual signals are sent to modulator 623 to be modulated on the predetermined frequency. See, e.g., Applicant's disclosure, page 11, lines 7-14.

The Examiner admits that Everett and Marlow do not disclose a multiplexer for multiplexing the audio and visual signals, and relies on Brice to cure the deficiency in Everett and Marlow.

However, in contrast to the claimed embodiments, while Brice discloses multiplexers 78a and 78b for multiplexing left and right audio signals (see, e.g., Brice, Fig. 4), Brice fails to disclose a multiplexer for multiplexing visual as well as audio signals. Indeed, Brice is silent regarding multiplexing visual signals.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Brice does not disclose or suggest a multiplexer for multiplexing visual and audio signals as claimed, and therefore, fails to cure the deficiency in Everett and Marlow.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that the cited references, when taken alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the embodiments of the present invention, as defined in claims 1, 17 and 32, and that it would not have been obvious to modify Everett in view of Marlow and Brice, to develop same.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiments of the invention as defined in claims 1, 17 and 32 are patentable over Everett in view of Marlow, and further in view of Brice. For at least the reason that claims 2-6, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 34 depend from claim 1, and claims 18-21, 24, 26-27 and 30 depend from claim 17, claims 2-6, 9, 11, 12, 15, 34, 18-21, 24, 26-27 and 30 are also submitted to be patentably distinct over the cited references, claims 13, 14, 28 and 29 having been canceled.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-6, 9, 11-15, 17-21, 24, 26-30, 32 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of all the dependent claims because Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed, supra, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

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